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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Sophie Hélène VAYRETTE) Group Art Unit: 3732
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Application No.: 10/043,342) Examiner: A. Ramana
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Filed: January 14, 2002)
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For: DEVICE FOR CLEANSING THE)
BODY)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated March 20, 2003, the Examiner required an election of one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species:

- Species I: Fig. 1;
- Species II: Fig. 2;
- Species III: Fig. 3A;
- Species IV: Fig. 3B;
- Species V: Fig. 3C;
- Species VI: Fig. 3D; and
- Species VII: Fig. 4.

In addition to electing one of the above species, the Examiner required Applicant to provide a listing of which claims "read on" the elected species.

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Applicant does not necessarily agree with the various characterizations and assertions set forth in the Office Action regarding the allegedly patentably distinct species. Nonetheless, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Species VII of Fig. 4. Applicant submits that at least claims 1-6, 8, 10, 13-65, 67, and 70-89 "read on" the elected species.

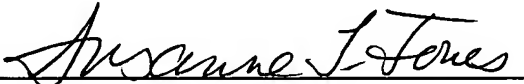
In the Office Action, the Examiner also indicated that claims 1 and 60 are generic. Applicant understands that upon the allowance of a generic claim, any nonelected claims that depend from or otherwise contain all of the limitations of such a generic claim will be rejoined and also allowed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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